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**CONDITIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)/ CANADA FOR
COMPETITION & CULTURAL EVENTS**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Welfare Department (MAF/AWD) before shipment leaves the exporting country.
2. In order to obtain an Import Permit a fully completed Import Permit Application form must be submitted to the UAE MAF/AWD [Fax: **(00971) 4 3313322** or **(00971) 4 3325464**]. At UAE MAF/AWD's discretion, copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.
3. **Charges**
A ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Consignment Fee (currently Dhs100.00 per consignment) must be paid. Proof of payment (receipt) must be faxed to **04 3325464** (details of where to pay may be obtained from the Veterinary Department-04 331331).

There will be a charge covering quarantine fees. An invoice will be issued shortly after the horses enter post import isolation. Delay in payment may delay the release of the horses, with the subsequent additional costs. Details of charges are available upon request.

4. **Tests**

The horse must be subjected to the following blood tests with negative results (see attached Model Health Certificate for details):

- i. Coggins Test for **Equine Infectious Anemia** –within 30 days prior to export-see paragraph III (i) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.
- ii. **Vesicular Stomatitis** (where appropriate - see paragraph III (e) (iv) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details).

The above tests are to be carried out in a laboratory approved for that purpose by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.

5. **Vaccinations**

- a. All horses must be fully vaccinated against **Equine Influenza** - see paragraph III (k) of the Model Health Certificate for details. Both licensed nasal and injectable vaccines are acceptable.

Note: Where a booster only is entered, certified proof of previous vaccinations must travel with the horse.

6. **West Nile Fever** – Horses which are resident in States/Provinces where West Nile Virus has been found require additional certification - see paragraph III (m).

7. **Health Certificates**

When horses are sent to the UAE, they must be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate issued by a Veterinay Surgeon approved by the USD/Government of Canada to carry out export certification and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian.

The certificate should be in similar form to, and contain all the information in the certificate attached at Annex A. to these conditions

Please read the certificate carefully to ensure that all sections are fully complied with.

Dates must be inserted and deletions made where appropriate.

Note: Temporarily imported horses may only remain in the U.A.E. for a maximum of 30 days unless otherwise agreed with MAF, U.A.E. (this may be extended for horses competing in certain specified International Competitions approved by MAF, U.A.E.).

Note: Upgrading from temporary to permanent import status is not permitted.

8. Whilst in the UAE the horse will be held in isolation in an officially approved Isolation Centre, except when taking part in approved training or competition. Horses may be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Agriculture.
9. All horses must arrive by Air at one of the approved International Airports- Dubai, Abu Dhabi or Sharjah, unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.

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***Annex A to USA/Canada Temporary
Import Conditions***

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR TEMPORARY IMPORT
OF HORSES INTO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM
THE UNITED STATES FOR COMPETITION**

Third Country of dispatch: (1) _____

Ministry responsible: USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

I. Identification of the Animal

Species: Horse, ass, mule, hinny	Breed	Age	Sex	Method of Identification and Identification*

(*) A passport identifying the equine animal may be attached to this certificate provided that its number is stated.

(a) No. of identification document (passport): _____

(b) Validated by: _____
(Name of competent authority)

II. Origin and Destination of the Animal

The animal is to be sent from: _____
(Place of export)

Directly to: _____
(Place of destination)

By rail/truck/aircraft/ship: (3) _____
(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or
registration name, as appropriate)

Name and address of Consignor _____

Name and address of Consignee _____

III. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that the animal described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) The animal comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African Horse Sickness, Dourine, Glanders, Equine Encephalomyelitis [of all types, including Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE)], Equine Infectious Anemia, Vesicular Stomatitis, Rabies, and Anthrax;
- (b) The animal has been examined today and shows no clinical signs of disease;(2)
- (c) The animal is not intended for slaughter under a national program of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) During the last 40 days immediately preceding the exportation, the animal has been resident on premises under veterinary supervision in the United States of America, Canada, and/or the European Union;
- (e) The animal comes from the territory or, in cases of official regionalization according to European Community legislation, from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
 - i) VEE has not occurred during the last 2 years;
 - ii) Dourine has not occurred during the last 6 months;
 - iii) Glanders has not occurred during the last 6 months;
 - iv) - EITHER Vesicular Stomatitis has not occurred during the last 6 months;(3)
- OR the animal was tested on a sample of blood taken within 10 days of export on _____(4) by a virus neutralization test for Vesicular Stomatitis has with negative results at a dilution of 1:12;(3)
- (f) The animal does not come the territory or from a part of the territory of a country considered, in accordance with OIE definitions, as infected with African Horse Sickness
 - EITHER it was not vaccinated against African Horse Sickness;(3)
- OR it was vaccinated against African Horse Sickness on _____;(3)(4)
- (g) The animal does not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons:
 - i) During 6 months in the case of Equine Encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease were slaughtered;

- ii) In the case of Equine Infectious Anemia, until the date on which the infected animals were slaughtered; the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out 3 months apart;
- iii) During 6 months in the case of Vesicular Stomatitis;
- iv) During 1 month from the last recorded case, with respect to Rabies;
- v) During 15 days from the last recorded case, with respect to Anthrax;

OR

If all animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of Anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days.

- (h) To the best of my knowledge, the animal has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 15 days prior to this declaration;
- (i) The animal was subjected to the following test carried out with negative results on a sample of blood taken within 30 days of export on _____ (4)
- a Coggins test for Infectious Anemia;
- (j) Either the animal was not vaccinated against Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis; (3)
or
It was vaccinated on _____ (4), this being at least 6 months prior to pre-export isolation;
- (k) During the 90 days immediately prior to export, but not within 14 days of export, the horse received;

Either (i) two primary vaccinations against Equine Influenza, in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations, (3) (5). Dates of vaccinations 1 _____ 2 _____
Type(s) of vaccine _____ Batch No(s) _____

Or (ii) it received a booster dose to a previously certified course of primary vaccination (5).
Date of booster vaccination _____
Type(s) of vaccine _____ Batch No(s) _____.
- (l) The animal has not, during the last 30 days, been in any State/Province in which Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed in the previous 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that has been, during the last 30 days, in any State/Province in which VS has been

diagnosed in the last 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that has been resident on infected premises in the last 60 days.

- (m)** During the 30 days immediately prior to export either,
- a) The animal has not been resident in any State/Province in which evidence of West Nile Virus has been found in the previous 6 months, or
 - b)
 - i) it has not been resident on any premises where clinical cases of West Nile Fever have been identified during this time AND
 - ii) it has been treated with an insect repellent, effective against WNV vectors, in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, during any period, in the 15 days immediately prior to export, that the horse was in a State in which evidence of West Nile Virus has been found in the previous 6 months.

IV. I have a written Declaration signed by the Owner or the Representative stating that:

The animal will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equine animals not accompanied by such a certificate, in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance, with a disinfectant officially recognised in the country of dispatch.

The conditions of point III (d) are fulfilled.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned _____ (insert name in block capitals)
(Owner or representative of the animal described above)

Declare:

1. The horse will not be resident inside the United Arab Emirates for a period longer than 30 days unless prior permission has been obtained from MAF, UAE.
2. I agree with the statement indicated in paragraph IV.
3. The animal has either remained in the United States of America/Canada since birth or entered on _____ from _____ (country of origin).

(Place, date)

(Signature)

- V. The certificate is valid for 10 days. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Date	Place	Stamp (*) and signature of the official veterinarian

(*) The color of the stamp must be different to that of the printing.

(Name in block letters, qualifications and title)

- (1) Part of territory in accordance with Article 12 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC
- (2) This certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animal for dispatch to the Member State of destination or, in the case of a registered horse, on the last working day before embarkation.
- (3) Delete as appropriate.
- (4) Insert Date.